



2014 Massachusetts Victim Rights Awards Award Nominations Packet

The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) and the Victim and Witness Assistance Board (VWAB) are proud to honor individuals who have made notable contributions to advancing victim rights and services and make a difference in the lives of victims and survivors in Massachusetts. MOVA seeks the submission of nominations for individual victim/survivors, providers and programs whose work exemplifies extraordinary commitment and accomplishments to be recognized during Victim Rights Month April 2014.

Nominations can be made by either completing the Award Nomination Form below or by calling the Outreach and Training Coordinator at MOVA (contact information below) with all relevant information.

Nomination Guidelines:

1. For each nomination please provide only the following:
 - a. The name and contact information of the nominee, the total number of years s/he has been working in the field (if applicable), and a description of her/his current role (if applicable).
 - b. The name and contact information of two people who are supportive of the nomination.
 - c. Summary of unique nature and nominee's accomplishments in the field and the impact of their work on the lives of crime victims and survivors (please see attached form) **(500 word limit)**.
2. Nominations must be received at MOVA by **5:00 pm on Wednesday January 8, 2014.**

Award Categories:

Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award

For an agency leader (public or private) who has demonstrated unwavering commitment to advancing the rights of crime victims and is recognized by his or her colleagues for their efforts in advancing victim rights.

Public Policy Advocacy Award

For a survivor of crime who has transformed her/his experience of victimization into positive change through leadership in promoting legislation and policy that furthers rights and services to victims and survivors.

Legislator of the Year Award

For a legislator who has made outstanding contributions to the Victim Rights Movement by promoting legislation and policy that furthers rights and services to victims and survivors.

Access to Justice Award

For an individual survivor, service provider, agency or organization (criminal justice or community-based) whose leadership and outreach efforts have made victim rights and services more available and accessible to underserved populations.

Innovations Award

For an individual survivor, service provider, agency or organization (criminal justice or community-based) who has developed innovative programs or policies to help crime victims.

Special Recognition Award *(will be awarded during the Victim Rights Conference)*

For a survivor of crime who has transformed her/his experience of victimization into positive change, healing, and leadership in promoting rights and services for victims and survivors.

Advocate of the Year Award *(will be awarded during the Victim Rights Conference)*

For an individual advocate from a public or private agency, who has made extraordinary contributions to the lives of victims and survivors.



2014 Award Nomination Information

Please indicate the award category for which you are nominating this individual:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy Advocacy Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislator of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Justice Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovations Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Recognition Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate of the Year Award | |

Nominee Information

Name: _____ Title (If applicable): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____ Title (If applicable): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

References

Please provide the names and contact information for two people who have been consulted about and support this nomination. These references may be contacted to assist in the selection process if necessary.

1. Name: _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Narrative of Accomplishments (500 word limit)

Please provide a brief narrative that includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- The total number of years the nominee has been working with or on behalf victims and survivors, including a description of current role (if applicable).
- The ways in which the nominee's work (if applicable) has positively impacted the lives of crime victims and survivors.
- The nominee's overall history of contributions and/or leadership to the field of victim rights and services, including any unique and innovative accomplishments.
- Specific relevance of the nominee's career highlights or personal experiences to the category selected for your nomination.

Please submit nominations by 5:00 pm on Wednesday January 8, 2014 to:

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